

Pacifist Activities Against Draft

STUDENTS HELD FOR FIGHTING DRAFT

three is the issuing of a circular headed "Will You Be Drafted?" in which men required by the law to register on June 5 were urged not to register. The circular says:

"There need be nothing negative about our refusal. Every man can present himself at his registration booth, give his name and address (perhaps on a slip of paper) and announce that he is unalterably opposed to the draft and will refuse to register for it. It will not do to register and add the information that one is a conscientious objector. It is likely that only the reason for exemption recognized by the law will be recorded, anything else being thrown out as an extraneous matter. The public will never hear of your protest if you register."

"We are all conscientious objectors to resist registration, even the fact of going to prison if necessary. If you are with us and intend to resist either registration or conscription let us know your name and address."

Sixty Columbia Students Pledged

The circular is signed by the three as "Committee of the May 8 Meeting." This was a meeting of the Collegiate Anti-Militaristic League, at which sixty Columbia students pledged themselves to oppose registration. The three were appointed a committee to act with similar bodies, but there is no evidence that they did so. On the contrary, the Federal authorities are inclined to the opinion that the three, finding their associates were not prepared to go as far as they decided to work alone.

They have, however, maintained close relations with other radicals opposed to conscription and have attended the peace meetings in the Garden Theatre. Last night Cattell was to have been one of the speakers at the meeting in Madison Square Garden. His counsel, Winter Russell, has been identified with the pacifist movement and has been scheduled to speak at an anti-conscription meeting in Harlem next Monday. Mr. Russell, as counsel for the prisoners and a friend of Russell, advised that Russell cancel the arrangement.

Cattell's Father Professor

The three students were arrested about noon, Miss Parker being found at the offices of the New York Telephone Company, Cattell at Columbia, where his father, James M. Cattell, is a professor, and Phillips at his father's home, in West End Avenue. They were taken before Commissioner Hitchcock, on the afternoon of the arrest, and Assistant District Attorney Harold D. Content, set this morning for a hearing.

"On account of the age of these defendants," said Mr. Content, "I shall not ask for heavy bail. I think \$1,500 will be enough."

Phillips declared his father, a prosperous manufacturing tailor, would furnish surety for him. He also declared even to furnish bail for his son.

"He has got himself into this mess," said he, "and he will have to get himself out. If he does not conduct himself as a loyal American he can have no help from me."

Finally Dr. Dana was appealed to, and late in the afternoon appeared before Commissioner Hitchcock. He was asked to accept as cash for purposes of bail. On her second appearance before the commissioner, Miss Parker gave her home as Ashbury Park and her local address as 18 Washington Place, where she said she lived with a Miss Albert. Dr. Dana, however, declined to say whether he was acting for himself or others.

Conspicuous Among Radicals

Phillips, Miss Parker and Cattell have been prominent among the so-called radicals of Columbia and of Washington Square. They were identified with "The Challenge," a publication that attracted much attention before the Columbia faculty during its brief life. They were particularly prominent in peace movements. Cattell was following the lead of his father, who from time to time has been in the forefront of peace movements. President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia.

Mr. Russell, however, insisted yesterday they had not been identified with any German movement. He said, "as a matter of conscience, however misguided they may have been, I know they refused to have anything to do with George Sylvester Viereck's paper, and I have been told that they refused German money."

Who it was that offered the money Mr. Russell said he could not state. Captain James W. Coffey, under whose direction the arrests were made, declined last night to say whether he expected more arrests on similar charges at once.

"They may come any time," he said. "You heard what Assistant District Attorney Knox said—that all of these people are going to be rounded up. I should imagine he knows what he is talking about."

Seekers of Injunction Against Registration Fall Into Federal Toils

Kansas City, May 31.—Federal authorities of Western Missouri and Kansas began late today arresting persons suspected of being participants in alleged anti-conscription plots. Four men and one woman were taken into custody here and three other men and a woman were arrested at Topeka.

Raymond L. Moore and Thomas Sullivan sought unsuccessfully today to obtain an injunction to prevent Governor F. D. Oakes and other officials from enforcing the registration next Tuesday. Judge Daniel Bird, of the

three hundred plainclothes men distributed through the crowd. And there, too, Federal authorities had their own representation of Department of Justice men.

For the most part the crowd bound for the meeting—greater by several thousands than the Garden could hold—came from out of the lower East Side. Fully a third were women. Madison Square Park was made into a sort of concentration camp to hold the throng when the hour of 8:30 passed and the doors remained locked. From within came word that delays had arisen and that none would be admitted until an hour later.

Inspector Schmittberger objected most emphatically to the delay. It was only when he suggested using axes on the outside that the key inside was turned.

In pairs then the police drove the crowd toward the opened doors, shunting them on the trot along a blue gantlet leading through Twenty-fifth Street. This arduous loading of the Garden was continued until the fire guards signalled "Enough!" By that time the galleries and the chairs which filled the vast floor space of the arena were filled, and there were as many as could be crammed in with safety.

Relations with Russians

The men from the recruiting station, in charge of a young lieutenant, got in early enough to find a box. Immediately they made the acquaintance of two sailors from the Russian gunboat which lies in the harbor. It was an acquaintance that bade fair to disrupt the meeting before it started.

To the recruiting squad's box, in which the Russian sailors were seated as guests, came one whose gesticulations were but an adjunct of his tongue. In their native Russian he invited them to occupy places of honor on the platform.

Of the presence of the others in the box he seemed quite oblivious. The Russians followed him away. A few minutes later one of the American bluejackets went to call on his Russian friends in their new quarters. Usurers who tried to stop him at the foot of the platform stairs clutched vainly at him. The platform reached, the sailor found himself in the center of an excited, outraged group of pacifists. They shook their fists and he doubled his.

From across the Garden came service from the platform. The crowd, from all parts of the place stocky gentlemen of Inspector Gray's command rushed for the trouble zone. They arrived in time to witness a clash precipitated by a conscientious objector's suggestion that Uncle Sam's uniforms were not in good taste at the meeting.

Dr. Judah L. Magnes, of the Free Synagogue, said he plain and took charge as temporary chairman. That and other speakers were going to be very careful what they said. He informed the crowd that the three short-haired men on the night were there for the government. He might also have added that Assistant United States Attorney Knox was there. With him was quite an imposing delegation from the Federal prosecutor's office.

A roar of applause interrupted Dr. Magnes when he addressed his audience as "law-abiding and peaceable citizens who have dedicated themselves to the cause of peace." He was frequently interrupted as he continued, reading from a circumspically prepared manuscript. Yet while he was telling of the great care which had been taken by the conference to suppress in their resolutions any expressions which might be held seditions, Emma Goldman's agents were distributing by the thousands their cards announcing an anti-conscription meeting to be held Monday night "The Bronx, on the eve of the day for registration."

Dr. Magnes himself announced subsequently that a similar meeting would be held in Garden on the night under the auspices of the conference.

James H. Maurer, Pennsylvania labor leader, who followed Dr. Magnes, struck a popular note when he said: "They're going to conscript the workers, but no word has been said about conscripting the wealth of the rich. If it's right to go into a widow's home and take away her only son, then it's right to go to the rich man's strong box and take away his money."

Other speakers were Morris Hillquit, Job Harriman, of Los Angeles, and Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago.

Offerings, totalling \$3,000 were poured into the baskets after an appeal by Dr. Magnes.

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